

At a SESSION of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
of MARYLAND, begun and held at the City of  
ANNAPOLIS, on Friday the thirty-first of October, in  
the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and  
seventy-seven, the following LAWS were enacted.

C H A P. I.

An ACT to punish certain crimes.

**B**E it enacted, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That if any subject or inhabitant of this state shall, within or without this state, and if any person shall, within this state, wilfully and maliciously burn or destroy, or attempt or conspire to burn or destroy, any magazine of provisions, or of military or naval stores, belonging to this state, or the United States, or any of them; and if any person shall wilfully and maliciously burn or destroy, or attempt or conspire to burn or destroy, or shall wilfully betray or voluntarily yield or deliver, or attempt or conspire to betray, yield, or deliver, to the enemy, any vessel belonging to the United States, or to this or any other of the United States, or to any subject of this or any other of the United States, and shall be thereof convicted in the general court of this state, or shall stand mute, or peremptorily challenge above the number twenty of the pannel, such person, his aider or abettor, shall suffer death as a felon without benefit of clergy.

Persons de-  
stroying ma-  
gazines, &c.  
to suffer  
death.

C H A P. II.

An ACT to continue an act for enlarging the powers of  
the governor and the council.

**B**E it enacted, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That an act passed at a session of assembly, begun and held at the city of Annapolis the fifth day of February, seventeen hundred and seventy-seven, entitled, An act for enlarging the powers of the governor and the council, be and is hereby continued, and shall remain and be in full force until the fifth day of the next session of the general assembly.

An act con-  
tinued.

C H A P. III.

A supplement to an ACT, entitled, An act to unite the  
free-schools of St. Mary's, Charles, and Prince-George's  
counties.

**W**HEREAS it is represented to the general assembly, that the trustees for Charlotte-Hall school have purchased lands for the said school, but have, by experience, found it extremely difficult to procure the number of fifteen trustees, to meet for transacting the business of the said school,

Preamble.